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FOL RPT NEW DELHI 9719 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO BOMBAY, CALCUTTA  
MADRAS DATED 09 JUL 77

QUOTE: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE NEW DELHI 9719

EO 11652: NA  
TAGS: MNUC  
SUBJ: GOI REACTION TO NEUTRON BOMB REPORT

1. ANSWERING A PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION IN WHICH HE WAS  
ASKED ABOUT INDIAN REACTION TO REPORTS THAT THE US WAS  
PRODUCING A NEW MISSILE WARHEAD "DESIGNED TO KILL  
PEOPLE RATHER THAN TO DESTROY MILITARY INSTALLATIONS  
THROUGH HEAT AND BLASTING POWER", FOREIGN MINISTER  
VAJPAYEE JULY 7 ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE GOI HAD SEEN  
THESE REPORTS AND SAID THAT "AS THE NEW WEAPON  
WOULD BE A WEAPON OF MASS DESTRUCTION, THE GOI WOULD  
BE TOTALLY OPPOSED TO IT IN KEEPING WITH ITS CONSISTENT  
POLICY OF FIRM OPPOSITION TO ALL CATEGORIES OF  
WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION." RESPONDING TO ANOTHER  
QUERY, VAJPAYEE SAID THAT SINCE THE REPORTS ABOUT THE  
NEW MISSILE ARE UNCONFIRMED AND ALSO BECAUSE IT IS  
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NOT A BILATERAL MATTER, THE QUESTION OF THE GOI PRO-  
TESTING DOES NOT ARISE. HE ADDED THAT "NEVERTHELESS,  
THE GOI WILL NOT HESITATE TO EXPRESS ITS FIRM OPPOSI-  
TION TO THIS NEW CATEGORY OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUC-  
TION IN THE APPROPRIATE FORUMS AT THE SUITABLE TIME."

2. COMMENT. REPORTS OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEUTRON

WARHEAD ARE RECEIVING CONSIDERABLE PRESS PLAY HERE.  
THEY SEEM LIKELY TO DISSIPATE THE CREDIT THE USG  
RECENTLY GAINED IN INDIA FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION  
AGAINST PROCEEDING WITH THE B-1 BOMBER.  
GOHEEN UNQUOTE VANCE

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